

Small boat tax

WASHINGTON—A provision giving tax exempt status to fishermen's organizations and another treating fishermen on small boats as self-employed for certain tax purposes have been included in a tax reform package sent to the full Senate for action.

The two amendments, co-sponsored by Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, were made a part of the major tax bill in final action of the Senate Finance Committee which cleared the bill for Senate action, scheduled June 10th.

Gravel, a member of the Finance Committee, co-sponsored the two amendments with Sen. William Hathaway, D-Main, late last year, but when attempts to get final congressional approval failed, they served notice they would seek to attach the two amendments to this year's tax bill.

The provision giving tax-exempt status to fishermen's groups, expands the definition of the word "agricultural" to include the harvesting of aquatic resources so that such organization may qualify for certain preferences, such as reduced postal rates.

The second amendment

provides that on boats manned by crews of five or fewer persons, where the crew members receive a share of the catch as their pay, they would be considered as self-employed for certain tax purposes.

The fishermen would be treated as independent contractors to a boat owner or operator for tax purposes. These individuals are to be considered self-employed if their services are on a "substantially intermittent basis."

The legislation would amend the Internal Revenue Code by excluding the services performed by such individuals from the definition of employment under the Federal Insurance Contribution Act as well as in parallel Social Security laws.

Gravel said the responsibility of the small boat owner or operator would be only to report the names of those employed on his vessel. He would not be required to withhold federal taxes which "should take some of the hassle away from catching fish."



END OF AN ERA—As the DCH6-300 Twin Otter (top) leaves Wrangell, Alaska, it marks the final scheduled flight of a propeller-driven aircraft by Alaska. The Alaska Airlines 727 (bottom) leaves a billow of smoke as it touches down, heralding the start of scheduled daily jet service to the Southeast communities of Wrangell and Petersburg on June 1. Alaska Airlines, with a fleet of ten 727s, now provides scheduled service to 11 Alaskan cities.

National creative writing contest for American Indians

The search is on for American Indian writers to take part in a national creative writing competition.

Sponsored by the American Indian Art and Cultural Exchange, the competition is open to Indian students, amateurs and professionals. Entries will be accepted in the following categories: poetry, fiction, non-fiction, and original dramatic scripts. Published as well as unpublished works are

welcome.

Prizes will be given, and in the category of original scripts, the selected script will be performed by the Indian Actors Workshop of Los Angeles.

The competition is one of many events planned by the American Indian Art and Cultural Exchange, a non-profit educational organization, as part of the American Indian Celebration, commemorating the Indian's 25,000 years in North America.

The celebration will be held at Century City in Los Angeles Aug. 19-29. Other events planned include a national invitational art show, a presentation of the Indian drama, "Trail of Tears," by the original company from Tulsa, Okla., a major fashion show and design competition, a festival of Indian dance and a spiritual seminar.

The goals of the exchange are to recognize the achievement of Indian artists and to show their influence on other 20th century art forms. The funds raised in the celebration, which the exchange hopes will become an annual event, will go toward the establishment of such programs as a permanent museum and gallery, an artist-in-residence and artist-on-wheels program, and a nine-area university system for Ph.D. candidates in American Indian art and

cultural history.

Indians interested in entering should send three copies of any written work and a resume including name, address, telephone number or other means of being reached, tribe, and any background material. The deadline is June 30, 1976.

Entries will not be returned but the authors will retain the copywrite. All entrants will be

notified in July.

Entries should be sent to Peggy Ostermann, The American Indian Art and Cultural Exchange, 10100 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., 90067.

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LEGAL NOTICE

LOCAL PUBLIC EASEMENTS ACROSS NATIVE LANDS

United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Fairbanks District Office.

ANCSA Easement Recommendations for Fort Yukon, Arctic Village, Venetie, Alatna, Allakaket, Huslia, Evansville, Hughes and Stevens Village, Alaska.

As authorized by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, recommendations for public easements across Native village and Regional Corporation selected lands have been compiled for the 25 township areas around Fort Yukon and for the lands within the former Venetie Reservation and also including the following villages of Alatna, Allakaket, Hughes, Huslia, Stevens Village, and Evansville. These recommendations are available for public review and comment at: Bureau of Land Management 1028 Aurora Drive Fairbanks, Alaska June 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25, 1976 between the hours of 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT

The Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc. under section 302, Title III of the CETA Act of 1973, will be implementing its transitional quarter grant for the period from July 1 to September 30, 1976. During this period no major changes from the ongoing law science courses will occur other than the addition of PSE positions in Shageluk, and a work experience position in Kaltag.

any persons desiring to comment or review the transitional quarter plan may write or visit the CETA Department of the Tananan Chiefs Conference, Inc. at the Doyon Building, First and Hall Streets, Fairbanks, AK 99701.

Written comments will be accepted for a period of one month from the seventeenth of June, 1976.

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Senate passes earthquake prediction bill

The Senate has passed a bill aimed at finding better methods of earthquake prediction and reducing the hazards of earthquakes to life and property.

The president is directed in the bill to administer a coordinated earthquake reduction program, including the development of better design and construction methods to make structures earthquake resistant.

In addition, the measure, cosponsored by Sen. Ted Stevens, calls for the implementation of a system to predict damaging earthquakes in areas of high or moderate risk, public education about earthquake hazard reduction measures, and the coordination of information on seismic risk and land-use decisions.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT BETHEL

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Deceased.)

No. 76-17069

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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